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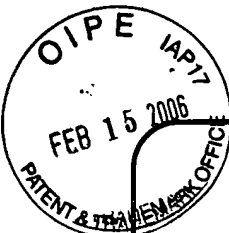
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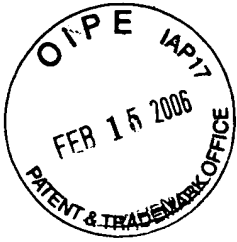
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Issued: January 17, 2006

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Correction to correct the following error in the above-referenced patent:

**Claim 32** should be amended to replace "aver" with "layer" at column 24, line 25.

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This error was not present in the amendment filed on June 13, 2005, nor in any of the other application papers filed by the Applicants, and thus Applicants submit that this error occurred through the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office, as clearly disclosed by the records of the Office.

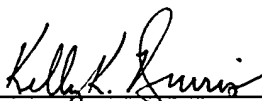
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PATENT NO : 6,987,238

DATED : January 17, 2006

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said  
Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

**Claim 32****Column 24, line 25**

Please replace "aver" with "layer".

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